SURVIVAL

Danger

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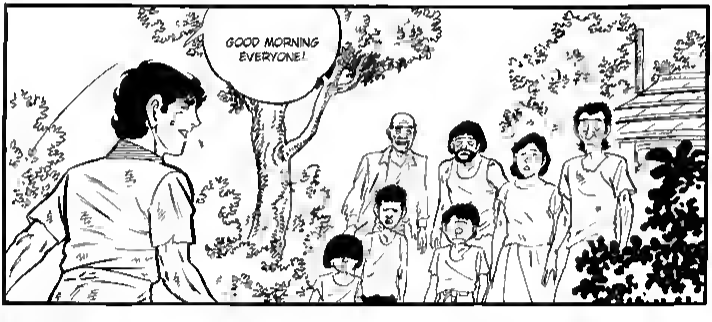
WOOPS I THINK I OVERSLEPT
STILL IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I LAST SLEPT UNDER A ROOF

YOU'VE BEEN TRAVELLING ALL BY YOURSELF FOR AGES
HEHEHEHE, I OVERSLEPT
OF COURSE YOU'D BE WORN OUT

GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING SATORU!


GOOD MORNING EVERYONE!

THEY'VE ALL FORGOTTEN HOW TO LAUGH, AND HOW TO GREET OTHERS!
DON'T MIND THEM
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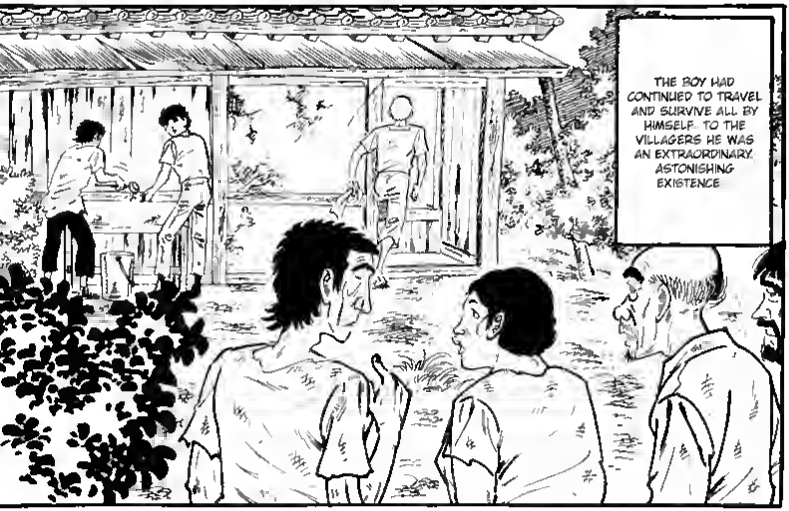
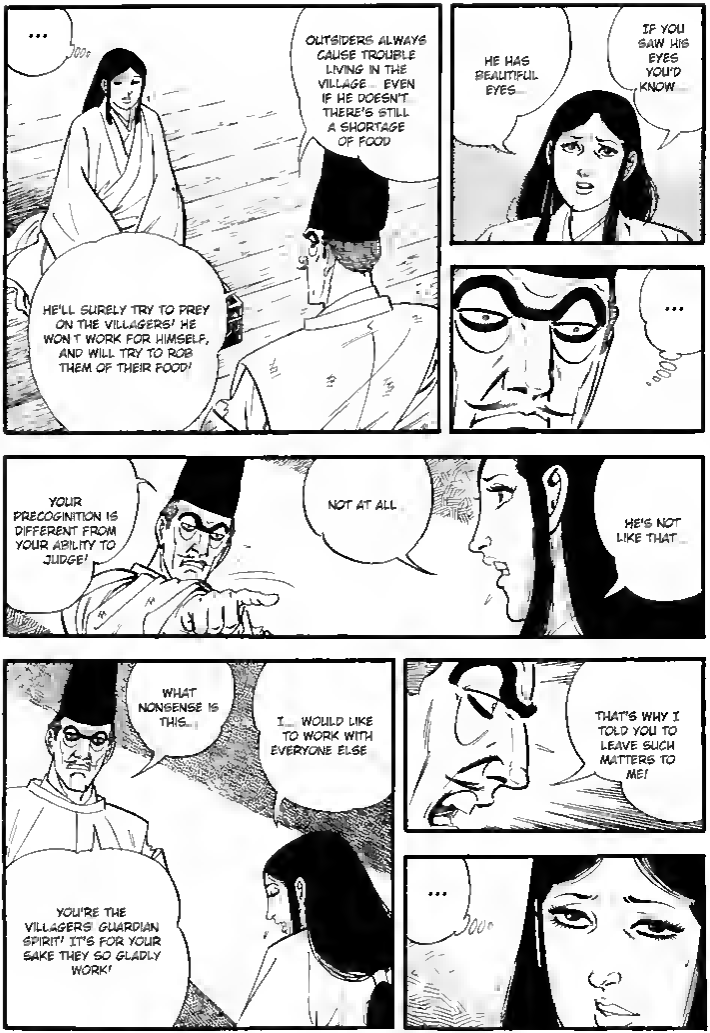

THE BOY HAD CONTINUED TO TRAVEL AND SURVIVE ALL BY HIMSELF. TO THE VILLAGERS HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY, ASTONISHING EXISTENCE

SURE!
ONCE YOU'VE WASHED YOUR FACE AND HAD SOME FOOD HOW ABOUT US TWO GO HUNTING!
HEY SATORU!

AND YOU SIDED WITH HIM—
SATSUKI... WHAT WAS THE MEANING OF LAST NIGHT? I BROUGHT THAT VAGABOND WITH ME...
I—I MEAN, HE'S NOT A BAD PERSON—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OUTSIDERS ALWAYS CAUSE TROUBLE LIVING IN THE VILLAGE... EVEN IF HE DOESN'T THERE'S STILL A SHORTAGE OF FOOD
HE'LL SURELY TRY TO PREY ON THE VILLAGERS! HE WON'T WORK FOR HIMSELF, AND WILL TRY TO ROB THEM OF THEIR FOOD!
HE HAS BEAUTIFUL EYES...
IF YOU SAW HIS EYES YOU'D KNOW...
...
YOUR PRECOGNITION IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR ABILITY TO JUDGE!
NOT AT ALL...
HE'S NOT LIKE THAT...
WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS...
I... WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH EVERYONE ELSE
YOU'RE THE VILLAGERS' GUARDIAN SPIRIT! IT'S FOR YOUR SAKE THEY SO GLADLY WORK!
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE SUCH MATTERS TO ME!
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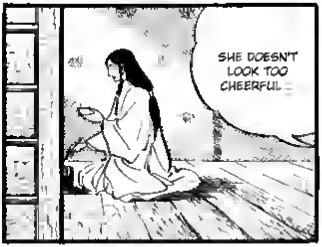
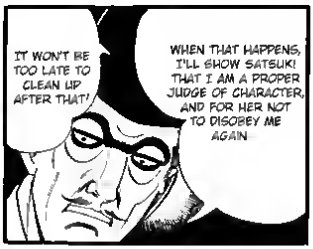
DO YOU WANT TO HEAD TO THE MOUNTAINS AND CHASE AFTER KITSUNE AND TANUKI?! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD CATCH A QUICK RABBIT?! DON'T TRY AND THINK, JUST DO AS I SAY!
BESIDES, WHAT CAN YOU EVEN DO?!

HEHEHE SO HOW WAS SATSUKI-SAMA, KANNUSHI-SAN?

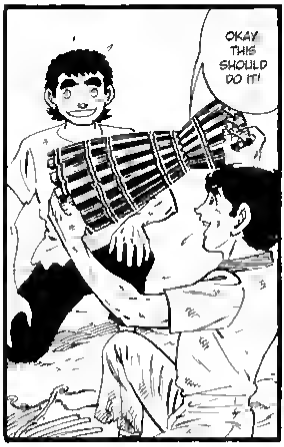

SHE DOESN'T LOOK TOO CHEERFUL...

DON'T RUSH NOW...
ABOUT SATSUKI-SAMA'S PREDICTION, AND THE VAGABOND DYING IN AN ACCIDENT...!
BY THE WAY KANNUSHI-SAN, WHAT ABOUT THE THING WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE...

QUITE RIGHT...
HE'S DEFINITELY AFTER THE VILLAGERS' FOOD!
THERE'S NO WAY A KID LIKE THAT COULD GET FOOD! THAT HE'S SURVIVED TILL NOW HAS BEEN NOTHING MORE THAN A FLUKE!


IT WON'T BE TOO LATE TO CLEAN UP AFTER THAT!
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL SHOW SATSUKI THAT I AM A PROPER JUDGE OF CHARACTER, AND FOR HER NOT TO DISOBEY ME AGAIN

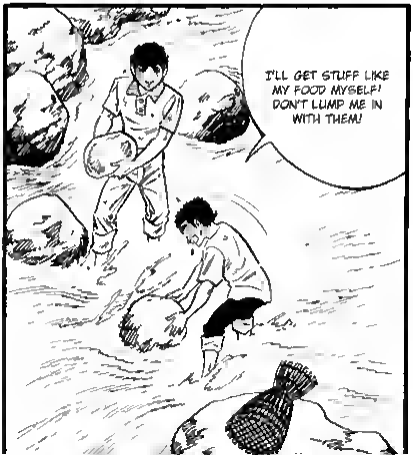
YOU'RE GONNA USE THE VAGABOND TO GET TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE EH HEHEHE
I SEE!


OKAY THIS SHOULD DO IT!

HEY YOU LOT
COME AND HELP!

AAH WITH THIS WE'LL GET LOADS OF FISH!
THERE'S A GOOD SPOT NEARBY THAT ONLY I KNOW ABOUT!

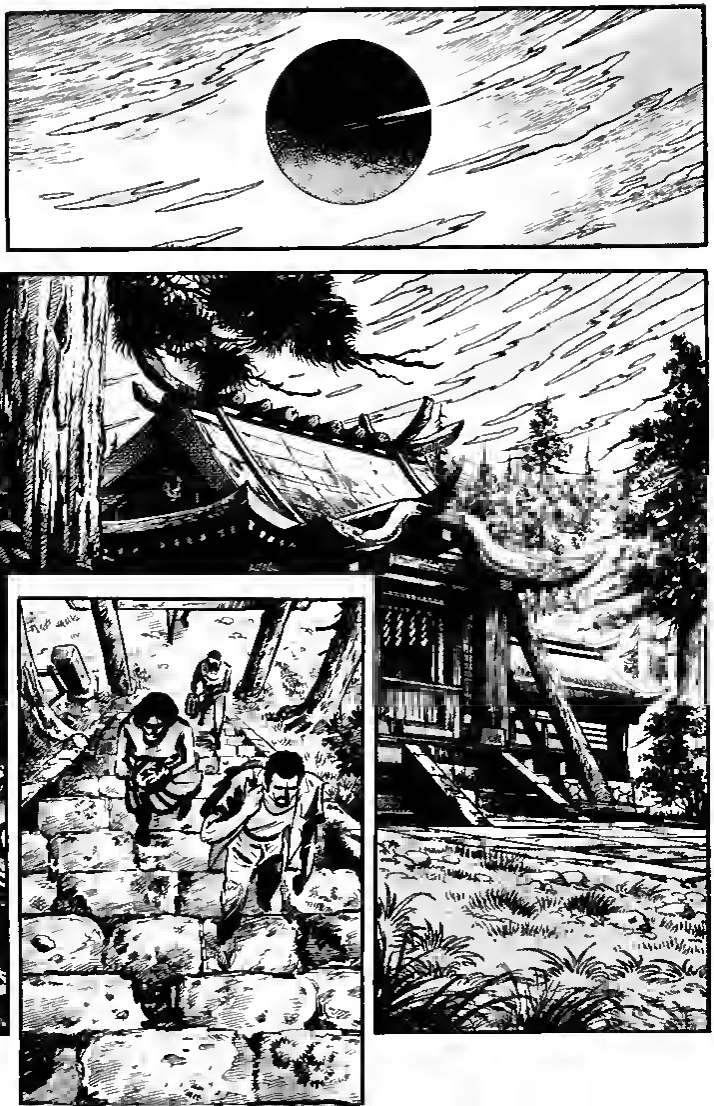
THEM LOT DON'T CARE!
IGNORE THEM, IGNORE THEM!


I'LL GET STUFF LIKE MY FOOD MYSELF! DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH THEM!

AREN'T YOU A KID?
KIDS GET TO EAT EVEN IF THEY DON'T CATCH ANYTHING. SO THEM LOT DON'T CARE ABOUT IT AT ALL!

KAY I'LL CHASE THE FISH FROM UPSTREAM!
THIS'LL DO!
THERE'S SOME THERE!
LOOK, LOOK THERE!
NOW THEEEN!

AAAARGH!
AAAARGH!
AAAARGH!



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NOT AT ALL! WE CAUGHT THEM ALL TOGETHER!
WELL, IT'S MORE LIKE I HELPED SATORU CATCH THEM!
TH... THAT'S A TON OF FISH KAZUO!
HEHEHE. I CAUGHT THEM WITH SATORU!
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THEY'RE KIDS, BUT THEY GOT THIS MUCH!
YOU LOT NEED TO TRY HARDER!

FORGET THAT, WHY DON'T YOU WORK ON RESTORING THE VILLAGE'S FIELDS FIRST?!
YOU SHOULD ALL WORK TOGETHER TO RESTORE THEM!
YOU HAVE TO WORK ON GROWING CROPS!
IF YOU KEEP ON AND ON TAKING FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND THE RIVERS, WHAT'LL YOU DO WHEN IT'S ALL GONE--?!
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP!

UP TO SATSUKI-SAMA TO DECIDE!
WHAT THE VILLAGERS DO FOR THEIR HAPPINESS IS...

H... HEY!
L... LET'S GO SATORU!

STILL HE'S A FINE WORKER AIN'T HE? MIGHTN'T IT BE BETTER TRYING TO MAKE USE OF HIM
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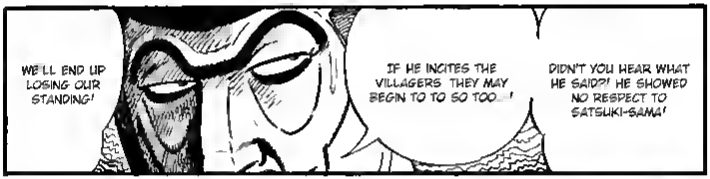
WE MIGHT WELL NEED TO DISPOSE OF HIM!


WE'LL END UP LOSING OUR STANDING!
IF HE INCITES THE VILLAGERS THEY MAY BEGIN TO TO SO TOO...!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID?! HE SHOWED NO RESPECT TO SATSUKI-SAMA!

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I I SEE